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17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
18 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
19 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

20 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

21 Case No. CR 08-0160 SI

22 Plaintiff,

23 v.

24 JOHN J. COTA,

25 and

26 FLEET MANAGEMENT LIMITED,

27 Defendants.

28 **DEFENDANT JOHN J. COTA'S NOTICE
OF MOTION AND MOTION TO SEVER
CHARGES AGAINST DEFENDANT
FLEET MANAGEMENT, INC.**

Date: September 22, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Judge: Honorable Susan Illston

Speedy Trial Act; Excludable Time through
Disposition, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(1)(F)

29 **TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD HEREIN:**

30 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that at 11:00 a.m. on September 22, 2008 or as soon
31 thereafter as counsel may be heard in the above entitled Court, Defendant JOHN J. COTA
32 ("Captain Cota") will and hereby does move this Court for an order severing the charges against
33 Captain Cota in the Second Superseding Indictment ("Indictment") in the above-captioned
34 matter from the charges in the Indictment against Defendant Fleet Management, Inc. ("Fleet").

The Motion is brought pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 14. Severance is proper due to the risk of prejudice to Captain Cota if Defendants are jointly tried. Fleet's proposed defense is highly prejudicial to Captain Cota and is based upon speculation, innuendo, and character assassination. This motion is made and based upon this Notice and Motion and Motion, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities and exhibits in support thereof, the complete files and records in this matter, and upon such other matters as may be presented to the Court at the time of the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

K&L GATES LLP

Dated: August 22, 2008

By /s/ Jeffrey L. Bornstein

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I am employed in the County of San Francisco, State of California by a member of the Bar of this Court, at whose direction this service was made. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 55 Second Street, Suite 1700, San Francisco, CA 94105. On August 22, 2008, I served the document(s) described as:

DEFENDANT JOHN J. COTA'S NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO SEVER CHARGES AGAINST DEFENDANT FLEET MANAGEMENT, INC.

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Executed on August 22, 2008 at San Francisco, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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